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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 0461 ACTION SECSTATE, KUWAIT INFO
CAIRO, DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV, AMMAN, ATHENS, ANKARA, JIDDA,
ADDIS ABABA, MOGADISCO AND BEIRUT FEB 18.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0461

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0460

1. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 2000 HOURS; CYPRUS
AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN SECURED WITH ENGINE COVERS
IN PLACE NOW BEING READIED FOR FLIGHT. REFUELING OF THIS
PLANE NOW TAKING PLACE
AND GEERATOR CART AND OTHER SERVICE
EQUIPMENT ARE OPERATING. FLIGHT CREW HAS BOARDED.
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2. BUS WITH HOSTAGES AND TERRORISTS HAS MOVED TO THIS AIRCRAFT
AND LYSSARIDES HAS BEEN SEEN MOVING BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND BUS.
SPECULATION AT AIRPORT IS THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED TO
TRANSPORT THE TERRORISTS.

3. CYPRUS AIRWAYS GM SAVVA TOLD EMB OFF THAT TERRORISTS ARE

MEMBERS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED REJECTIONIST GROUP.

4. FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO NICOSIA 0460, PARAGRAPH ONE.
ONE OF TERRORISTS IS BEARER OF IRAQI PASSPORT, THE OTHER
CARRIES KUWAIT PASSPORT. NAMES ARE: ZAYED H'S'LAL ALI, BORN
1952, KUWAIT PPT NUMBER 277014. SECOND INDIVIDUAL IS RAYAD
SAMIR A'ALAHAD, BORN 1948, GAVE BAGHDAD AS PLACE OF PERMANENT
RESIDENCE. INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS ALSO KNOWN TO THE
CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES.

5. CYPRUS AIRLINES PLANE WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO BEIRUT RETURNED
TO LARNACA AT 1950 HOURS LOCAL. TWO UNIDENTIFIED MALES DEBARKED
AND PROCEEDED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND SEVERAL
GOC MINISTERS.

6. AT 2000 HOURS LYSSARIDES WENT TO THE BUS, BUS WAS DRIVEN
CLOSE TO THE PARAGRAPH ONE AIRCRAFT AND LYSSARIDES BOARDED THE
PLANE ALONG WITH ONE TERRORIST. OTHER BUS PASSENGERS STANDING
AT BOTTOM OF BOARDING RAMP. CRAWFORD
UNQUOTE VANCE

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